Tracking Chinese Foreign Policy Trends



Project Title	Tracking Chinese Foreign Policy Trends
Project Summary	Bureau of Intelligence and Research seeks a student intern to assist with tracking themes arising in Chinese foreign policy journals, foreign policy developments, slogans, and initiatives. Chinese language ability should be sufficient to read official Chinese foreign policy journals.
Country	United States

Project Description

Chinese official media outlets and foreign policy journals are important conduits for Chinese foreign policy development of new themes and slogans. Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research seeks a student intern to assist with tracking foreign policy themes present in official Chinese media (domestic and/or overseas) and foreign policy journals. The student will perform comparative analysis on changes over time. Desired Skills and Interests Chinese foreign policy, Writing and analysis

Language requirements Mandarin Chinese: Advanced working level reading proficiency required Additional Information:

- ? Language requirements Fluent in reading and typing Mandarin Chinese and fluent in reading, writing, and speaking English
- ? This project will help virtual student foreign service interns develop writing and communications skills, analysis, and research skills, as well as gain an understanding of the nuances of reading Chinese journals and media.
- ? Indicators of China's Expanding Global Presence: support ongoing analysis of "belt and road" progress by developing time-series sets using annual country by country data on Chinese personnel abroad (workers, students, tourists); also direct foreign investment, value of contracts for engineering and other projects, and their statistical importance to host countries. Data on these topics are published annually by China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations. ?

Indicators of Chinese overseas public messaging trends: Support ongoing analysis by developing chronological datasets of key overseas government statements regarding important trends (e.g. OBOR goals, COVID-19 trends, etc.). Interns could also be asked to develop focused historical messaging sets to give analysts a systematic comparison to other recent trends (e.g. chronology of statements re SARS for use in comparing to COVID-19).

Conduct research on emerging slogans, programs, and foreign policy trends;

- ? Compare and contrast coverage from various media outlets (I.e. domestic foreign policy journals); also examine overlap between diplomatic initiatives/government statements and state-controlled media;
- ? Compile weekly briefers (in written and/or graphic form) of major trends;
- ? Produce briefers, one page documents, or other research papers and analysis on topics related to the Bureau's topics of interest relevant to foreign policy;
- ? Other duties as required.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s) Analytical writing Political Analysis Research Writing

Additional Information

None

Language Requirements

Language Speaking Proficiency Reading Proficiency Importance
Chinese-Mandarin Full professional proficiency Full professional proficiency Required